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SUBJECT: JUNE 2 PRESS GUIDANCE ON KIDNAPPED STUDENTS IN
TANZANIA

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR USE BY DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AT JUNE 2 PRESS BRIEFING:

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Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE NEGOTIATING MISSION PETER
STEINER IS UNDERTAKING IN BEHALF OF THE KIDNAPPED

STUDENTS?

A. NO. THE SITUATION REMAINS VERY DELICATE AND WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS . FOR THIS REASON, I WON'T DISCUSS ANY ACTIVITY AIMED AT ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS.

Q. WHO IS STEINER?

A. MR. STEINER IS A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND HISTORY WHO IS SPENDING A YEAR IN NAIROBI UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. IN TANZANIA, HE HAS BEEN ACTING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

PARENTS AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Q. ARE WE STILL IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF TANZANIA AND ZAIRE?

ANSWER: YES.

Q. ARE WE SATISFIED WITH THE COOPERATION WE'RE RECEIVING FROM THESE GOVERNMENTS.

A. YES.

2. NO QUESTIONS ON STUDENTS WERE RAISED AT MAY 30 AND JUNE 2 PRESS BRIEFINGS. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. INGERSOLL

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